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2 July 1943

Mr. Erwin Hirschberg  
415 Lake Avenue  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hirschberg:

Your letter of June 26th to General Donovan was received in his absence. I have checked with your son's branch and find that he joined OSS July 10, 1943 as a Private, and by May 1, 1944 he had been promoted three grades to a T/4 (Sergeant).

Since then very few grades have been available for promotion purposes. I am, however, causing a further check of this matter to be made in the theater.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Cheston  
Acting Director

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Cheston

FROM : Major Willis

SUBJECT: Erwin Hirschberg, Jr. (and attached correspondence)

DATE: July 2, 1945

The attached correspondence is an old story with Communications personnel and rather frankly a generally justified one since our Communications personnel, far more highly trained than those of the Army in general, have far lower ratings. The reason for this has been the promotional slot freezes which have taken place from time to time, or at other times the lack of available slots in OSS for promotions. Basically there is little doubt that these men in general have not been adequately or properly rewarded by promotions.

However, in regard to T/4 Hirschberg, actually he has fared better than some of the other OSS Communications boys. The story of his case is as follows:

1. He was requested by OSS on 29 June 1943.
2. He reported to OSS 30 July 1943 -- as a private
3. He was in training at Area C from 30 July 1943 to 29 November 1943 -- no promotions are given during the training period.
4. He arrived in WFO December 14, 1943.
5. Promoted to Corporal by OSS March 9, 1944
6. Promoted to Sergeant by OSS May 1, 1944
7. He was assigned to the First Army, June 8, 1944
8. He was stationed at OSS Headquarters in Paris September 23, 1944
9. He went into the Netherlands with GI October 21, 1944 and continued with the Netherlands mission until December 6, 1944.
10. He received the Good Conduct Medal in 1944 and a battle participation star for the Normandy campaign the 2nd of March 1945.
11. He has been overseas a total of 19 months.

The grade of T/4, as you know, is similar in pay to a buck sergeant and with his overseas pay T/4 Hirschberg makes \$93.60 per month. He is not quite 24 years old. Prior to his enlisting in the Army he was receiving 50 cents an hour and this based in general on the customary 40 hour week at that time would have brought him in approximately \$80 per month.

I realize fully the boy is not talking about financial gains, he is talking about military recognition in the way of grade for the work which he has done.

In order to get a true and complete picture of this boy's case it would be necessary to get all the data as well as confirming evidence from his commanders in ETO, namely, his immediate officers as well as the viewpoint of Commander Graveson. As you and I both know there are scores of men as well as officers in all theaters of the war who are serving far below the grades to which they are entitled by the work and responsibilities which they have had. Hirschberg's letter is a typical soldier beef (but in my opinion probably a fairly justified one) but I would not state this officially until I saw his whole overseas record giving the impressions of his commanding officers.

The inequalities which have existed have been spread fairly evenly among most of the Communications Branch. (It has not been an inequality of Hirschberg versus the others).

Do you want me to write Commander Graveson further about this?

*Frederic A. Willis*

Frederic A. Willis  
Major, USMCR.



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Director's Office

IRWIN HIRSCHBERG

415 LAKE AVENUE  
PARK RIDGE  
ILLINOIS

June 30, 1946

Major General Wm. J. Donovan  
25th and K Street NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an extract from a recent  
letter from my son. I am taking the  
liberty of forwarding it to you as I feel  
you will be interested in correcting an  
inequality, if it really exists.

The soldier is:

T/4 Irwin Hirschberg Jr.  
1614072  
O.S.S. Det. (Forward)  
A. P. O. 1007 c/o III  
New York, New York

Yours truly,

*Erwin Hirschberg*

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"Now that censorship regulations have been lifted, I will be able to tell you about what I have been doing and what my job is at the present time-----I've been in radio communications since I signed up with OSS some couple of years ago. Communications is just one branch of OSS, and it is the only branch that is closely related with the Army "SOP" (Standard Operating Procedure). There are many branches in OSS, the branch I have been working communications for since arriving in England some years ago (so it seems) is primarily intelligence, most of it done through agent work and working with the underground forces. I was with the First Army OSS Special Forces Detachment two months before the invasion, up until the time the First Army hit the German border last Sept. when we (our detachment) was recalled to Paris (Continental Hq.) for reassignment since our type of work did not take us into Germany itself. After hanging around Ray Paree for almost two weeks three of us from the First Army Sfr. Det. plus another Joe who just came across from the states, were sent up to a SHAME OSS mission to the Netherlands. We were located in Eindhoven all during the winter and up to the time we moved up here to Wassenaar. I know for a fact that our particular mission did a good job. Our mission spent in more intelligence than any other intelligence outfit working on the continent, and I know that for a fact. I'll say one thing though, and I know about a hundred fellows off hand who will agree with me on this, that the communication branch of OSS does more work and gets less credit for it than any other branch in the vast OSS operations. The reason for this is not hard to find. The big boys, the generals, colonels and other big boys are all in some other branch than communications, so when it comes to handing out the patina and the pat on the back for the good work done, communications always gets it in the butt. This is not bitching I'm doing now. It is just plain ordinary facts that everyone knows. I was supposed to be a 3/3rd, before I landed in France, but some typical in London Hq. got that rating because his boss had the influence to take it away from communications. Since then I have been put in for Tech. Sgt. and Staff Sgt. at least seven times and each time someone else gets the patina because he is closer to the boys who have the say so. I've been AGO in charge of this missions communications for the last nine months, and while I've had an occasional pat on the back, nothing definite has ever come of it.

All the other personnel in the Mission, Officers, drivers, and clerks, mechanics and other miscellaneous gits have had at least one boost in rank since coming to the outfit (and some of the gits have had two jumps in rank) while the Communications personnel have not received one damn solitary boost of any kind. Needless to say, the other boys and myself are pretty well fed up with the whole thing. The sad part about the thing is the small fact that there is not a thing we can do about it. Sad affair, is it not? I'll tell you quite frankly that I do not expect any further boost in rating now, and further more I have given up hope of looking forward to it. If it ever does come through now, it won't mean a thing to me and I mean every word I say. I used to think that merit would have its just reward, but I have found out the hard way that it is not what you do, it's who you know, and when you're in Communications you don't know anyone with influence, especially if you're a field communication man, such as I have been since I arrived in England, so that is it in a pace or two. I'm not exactly inebriable to what has been going on and the kind of screwing we in Communications have been taking in the last nine months, but I'm sure building up a hard crust to ward off the disappointments I've had. I used to be very glibble that way (I'm not the only one) but I'm certainly not any more. I'm very very leary of anyone who talks too much. I don't talk much myself any more. Well, on this your note I will end this letter because I had a shock with Carla in two minutes. I will write soon and give you more details."

Love,

Krv.

1699A  
H. B. B.  
21 June 1945

Mr. Herbert C. Hittel  
111 Alter Avenue  
Staten Island, New York

Dear Herb:

Thank you very much for your note  
which I am glad to have. I judge you are still  
in the ring and going strong.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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WILLIAM E. KENNEL, Adjutant  
62 11 17th Street  
Flushing, N. Y.

LOUIS PELOWSKI, Commander  
410 Edmore Avenue  
Buffalo, N. Y.

EDWARD McGRATH, Paymaster  
14433 Northern Boulevard  
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20, June, 45.

III Alter Ave;  
Staten Island, N.Y.

Genl. Wm. R. Donovan  
Off. Strategic Svces;  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir;

Many Moons have passed since you Captained  
old Troop "I" on the Border, where I was a Buck in "K" and  
Lt. Franchot instructed us in "apigotzy Mexican".

But, the old nostrils still perk up as yore  
and hold a Commission in the State Guard-First Truck Co.  
and of all places, in the old First Cav. Armory, Brooklyn.

The stalls are all intact-but sombre-and one  
can close one's eyes and still smell the horsey, aroma de  
picket? These are hectic days and champions of the  
horse may put him back on a pedestal sometime again in a  
Natl. Gd. sense. At least Lt. Genl. Drum says, dont remove any  
stalls for truck room-so that stands.

Its fifty years ago this year that the old  
1st Cav. started functioning and hope we can have another  
Re-Union as we had ten years ago, when over 900 troopers  
assembled from all enlistment periods and passed in Review.

About nine years ago, gave a Drivers Test to  
your Auburn-haired Law Associate in N.Y. City and re-hashed  
all your good points. Yes, told her how some chap stripped  
the flags off my car in Syracuse-when you campaigned there  
and spoke in the school Auditorium. Too bad you didnt make  
it, but hope someday you put your hat in the ring again.

Ever hear of this outfit, the A. & N. Union? I'd  
like to see you a member and forward your application to  
my State Commander, a Buffalonian.

Am a Chief Procurement Insp. Army Air Forces  
and for that, would have been back in harness. We expect a  
big reduction in force and no one knows who, Etc.

I've just passed my 50th milestone-but I'd like  
to know (after I'd supply a background, if interested) if in  
your jurisdiction, there are Commissioned vacancies. It is  
one yen close to my heart-that supplying Materiel for three  
years has'nt satisfied.

Pardon my rambling-but its the way some of the  
Cavalry Cactus Club boys still write to one another-old "K"  
Troopers.

Yours in Comradeship,

Herbert C. Hillel

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Colonel Pfaff  
Executive Office

3 April 1945

16, 527  
Wilt Lippold

Will you please take from the attached file whatever information is of value to you and then forward it to R&A so that it may do the same. I know you will take into account the personal prejudice of the writer of the letter.

Since the information of interest to R&A--that relating to persons well-disposed toward the Allies and trustworthy, must, if of any value at all, be given to them at once, it would be helpful if you could forward this without delay.

Robert Thrun  
Lieut. (j.g.) USNR  
Assistant Executive  
Officer

cc: R&A

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16,507  
Hilt, Leopold  
2 April 1945

Mr. Leopold Hilt  
819 West 180th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hilt:

Thank you for your letter of  
21 March. The contents have been noted  
for such use as may be appropriate.

Sincerely,

Robert Thrun  
Lieut. (j.g.) USNR  
Assistant Executive  
Officer



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TO : General Donovan  
FROM : Executive Office  
SUBJECT:

DATE: 2 April 1945

*Hilb, 16,507  
Lapall*

Mr. Hilb's letter which he addressed to the Agency rather than to you personally is <sup>a</sup> diatribe which provides for very cruel and unusual punishments. It, therefore, seems appropriate that his letter be acknowledged simply by me. I shall then forward the material to X-2 to delete material concerning ardent Nazis, and to R&A to obtain material as to those who are likely to be cooperative.

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Date 22 Feb 49

To: Gen. Donovan

Attached is a suggested  
letter of termination for Mr.  
Henry Lertram Hill who is  
leaving OMB because of poor  
health.

*Edward J. Welch*  
Edward J. Welch  
1st Lt., P.A.

Office of the Secretariat

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21 February 1945

Mr. Henry Hartman Hill  
University of Kansas City  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have learned with regret that you are not well and that you must therefore leave this organization. Before you go I would like to express my appreciation for the manner in which you have performed your duties while a member of the Office of Strategic Services.

Your position here as Chief of the Eastern European Section of OSI is a most important one, and your efforts in organizing and developing the work of your section have been an important contribution to our task.

I hope that your health will improve and I would like to convey my best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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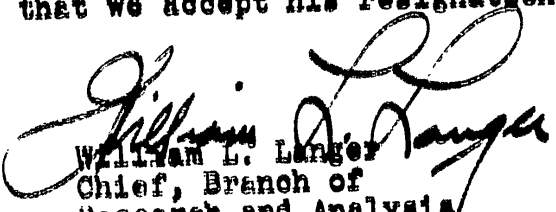
**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan  
FROM : William L. Langer  
SUBJECT: Termination letter for Mr. Henry Bertram Hill

DATE: 19 February 1945

Mr. Hill has been the Chief of the Western European Section, Europe-Africa Division, for almost two years. For several months he worked in the London Office, where he helped to organize and develop the R&A work for Western Europe. He returned to his Washington job last fall and is forced to leave it now because of poor health.

He has made a valuable contribution to our work and it is with real regret that we accept his resignation.

  
William L. Langer  
Chief, Branch of  
Research and Analysis

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

19 February 1945

Mr. Henry Bertram Hill  
University of Kansas City  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have learned with regret that you are planning to leave this organization. Before you do so may I express, for myself and the agency, our appreciation and gratitude for the way in which you have performed your duties as a member of the Office of Strategic Services.

As you know, the mission entrusted to OSS has been an integral part of the military activities of the nation. What success we have achieved has been entirely due to the ability of our personnel and to their fine sense of loyalty and devotion to duty. I am proud of the accomplishments of this agency and of the individuals such as yourself who have been associated with it. You can leave us with the satisfaction of feeling that you have materially contributed to the success of our efforts.

Sincerely

William J. Donovan  
Maj. Gen., USA  
Director

13, 8/13  
Cambridge  
Brook Street, N.Y.

Letter. 13/8/13

Dear Charlie —

Re

Letter from Mr. [unclear]

which John Maynard  
and others made to

me last evening

concerning the  
advisability of sending  
this information to  
F. I. [unclear]

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Original No. 10-30

Report from Austria VI: Caserta

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Information Date : 30 May 1945  
 Report Date : 1 June 1945  
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 Value : See text  
 Source : OSS

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GERMANY : POLITICAL

Description of Hitler's Dentition

This report is also intended to aid in checking identification of any person who may in the future be identified as Adolf Hitler.

Hitler's dentition as of April 1945 is thus described by the following characteristics:

1. Upper and lower teeth were all present and in good condition.

2. The teeth were all of the same size and shape.

3. The teeth were all of the same color, a light yellowish-brown.

4. The teeth were all of the same shape, a simple, rounded, oval shape.

5. The teeth were all of the same size, about 1.5 cm. in length.

6. The teeth were all of the same shape, a simple, rounded, oval shape.

7. The teeth were all of the same size, about 1.5 cm. in length.

8. The teeth were all of the same shape, a simple, rounded, oval shape.

9. The teeth were all of the same size, about 1.5 cm. in length.

10. The teeth were all of the same shape, a simple, rounded, oval shape.



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Full gold crowns on teeth R 11 and R 12 have a "lingual bar between", and are possibly the remains of a fixed bridge, part of which has been removed.

## Lower:

- Left: 9, Normal  
 10, Has a "porcelain" (probably allicate) filling and an abcess, periapical.  
 11, Full gold crown  
 12, Pontic or dummy  
 13, Full gold crown  
 14, Pontic or dummy  
 15, Pontic or dummy  
 16, Full gold crown

~~Upper: Permanent~~ Teeth L 5 and L 6, though not mentioned, are presumably present and normal.  
 Fixed gold bridge on lower left probably extends from tooth L 11 to tooth L 16 inclusive.

3. The following is a more complete report on Deebels' dentition as of September 1947, as described by Dr. dentist, Blaschke, Brigade Engineer, Chief Dental Surgeon, 121:

## Upper:

- Right: 1, Has filling  
 2, Has filling  
 3, Normal  
 4, Full gold crown  
 5, Missing, restored by porcelain faced dummy or pontic  
 6, Missing, restored by porcelain faced dummy or pontic  
 7, Full gold crown  
 8, Normal

Missing teeth R 5 and R 6 are restored by a fixed gold bridge attached to teeth R 4 and R 7 by full gold crowns as stated above.

- Left: All teeth on the upper left side are present and normal from tooth L 1 to tooth L 8 inclusive.

## Lower:

- Right: 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are present and normal.  
 14 and 15 are missing and are not restored  
 16 is present and normal

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Lower:

Left: 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are present and normal  
14, is missing and is not restored  
15, is present and has a cement filling and an  
abcess, periapical  
16, is present and normal

Caserta Comment: Information seems complete,  
but much may have happened since 1943.

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This report should be read in conjunction with our  
nos. 14-10 and 14-30b, disseminated on the first and  
nineteenth of June 1945 respectively, describing  
Hitler's and Goebbels' denigration.

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ATTACHMENTS

## 1. Biographical Sketch of "BLASCHKE"

a. "Brigadefuehrer" Prof. Dr. THEO J. BLASCHKE was born in 1881 in Neustadt, West Prussia. He studied dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania 1908-1911. After graduation he went into private practice in Berlin with another American-trained dentist. He served as dental surgeon with the Wehrmacht 1911-1918. After World War I he built a large wealthy clientele, largely because of his proficiency in doing bridge work.

b. In 1930 HERRMAN ROBERTS was referred to "BLASCHKE". Other prominent Nazis followed this first one and "BLASCHKE" joined the NSDA in 1931. In 1934 BLASCHKE treated HITLER's teeth for the first time. This successful treatment was subsequently followed by his appointment to Chief Dental Surgeon SS and HITLER's personal dentist.

c. In 1934 BLASCHKE was given the job of organizing an SS Dental Corps. He felt that this assignment would give him an opportunity to unite the two branches of German dentistry: "Fahnerzahn" (trained well in scientific basis and theory but not too well in technique) and "Dentisten" (trained well in technique but not very well based in theory and sciences). The union of "Fahnerzahn" and "Dentisten" was sanctioned by HITLER in April 1936.

## 2. BLASCHKE's Impression of HITLER as a Patient and Person

a. BLASCHKE has treated HITLER's teeth regularly at about three-month intervals since 1934. HITLER was always punctual for his dental appointments at the chancellery, courteous and agreeable. He never appeared nervous or ill at ease in the chair. He followed the dentist's instructions faithfully. He was a strict vegetarian, non-smoker, and consumed no alcoholic beverages.

b. Besides having HITLER as a patient BLASCHKE also knew him well socially. The dentist lived at the Reichskanzlei 18 Feb - 20 April 1946. BLASCHKE considered HITLER well self-disciplined, because he would quickly regain his composure after being violently aroused. He was never intimate with his associates. BLASCHKE considers this aloofness one of HITLER's outstanding characteristics. Social conversations were never about serious subjects.

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and always one-sided; i.e., HITLER did all the talking. During the time of acquaintance the only change in HITLER which BLANCHER noted was that he became more stooped-shouldered during the past few years. HITLER was confined to bed for several weeks in the fall of 1944 because of mental depression.

3. Other Nazi Officials

a. BLANCHER also trusted SCHUBERT, H. H. R. F. V. von GOEBBELS, VA BRATT and GERTHA BLATT.

4. Further Information Given by BLANCHER

a. BLANCHER considers it unlikely that anyone's of HITLER's teeth are available, because he never kept them. There is a possibility that one of the last ones remained at the Reichsbank in Berlin.

b. BLANCHER feels confident that he could identify both HITLER and GOEBBELS by their teeth alone, even though his records were not sent after his escape from Berlin as intended.

c. During the interview BLANCHER never made an irreverent remark about HITLER. On other high Nazi officials he spoke indifferently or even with contempt.

d. BLANCHER stated that his only responsibility in connection with concentration camps was the supervision of dental care. Therefore, he could only inspect the dental clinics. Retained gold from the teeth of dead inmates was sent to the Reichsbank in Berlin.

e. When BLANCHER left Berlin for Obersalzberg on 20 April 1946 he was told that HITLER would follow the next day.

5. BLANCHER'S Impressions of BLANCHER

During the interview BLANCHER was mentally clear but showed some expression of anxiety and fear. He appeared to be in fair health, but claimed that he had been suffering recurrently from a duodenal ulcer since 1941. His teeth were in good repair, but his dental hygiene was poor. His knowledge of dentistry seemed very good. It appeared quite evident that he was politically ambitious in his professional field.

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APPROXIMATELY 1921 ADOLPH HITLER WENT TO MUNICH AND WAS REGISTERED AS NON-RESIDENT OR ALIEN TO THAT CITY BY POLICE OR OTHER OFFICIALS IN RECORDS KNOWN AS FREMDEN KONTROL. THIS RECORDING REQUIRED FINGERPRINTING.

HITLER'S FINGERPRINTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED IN MUNICH BY OSS THEREBY OPERATING FOR ALLIES TO PREVENT SUBSTITUTE ACTING FOR HITLER.

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28 APRIL 45

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Date 3 Nov 44

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To Mr. Wharton

The attached was received in  
the General's mail this morning,  
and I understand that it is of  
more interest to you.

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John W. Auchincloss  
John W. Auchincloss  
1st Lt., JAGD

*MS* *RP*

Office of the Secretariat

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30 October 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL DONOVAN

FROM: James R. Murphy

SUBJECT: David B. Higginbottom, 2nd Lt., AG

Permission is requested for Lt. Higginbottom, destined for an X-2 assignment in India, to attend the Basic OSS Indoctrination Course at Area A-5 instead of on the West Coast.

Lt. Higginbottom sustained an injury to his spine on 19 April 1944 while on duty at Hunter Field, Georgia. He has now been released from medical care with the understanding that he will carry on only sedentary activities for a period of four months. The position for which he is destined in India is one of an administrative nature, where his personal knowledge of the country and his language facilities may be fully utilized. The type of assignment to which he is going would not necessitate that he have the West Coast training. However, if such training were deemed essential, it is deemed that it would be inadvisable at this time because of his recent medical history.

He is urgently needed in India at the present time, and the five or six weeks that would be cut from the West Coast training period by indoctrinating him here in Washington would allow him to go to the field that much earlier.

Approved:

*William J. Donovan*  
William J. Donovan by C.S.C.  
(Nov. 2, 1944)

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SECRET

9 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO SERGEANT SOL HIRSON, AUC  
SUBJECT: ORDERS

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer, for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan  
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

APPROVED:

Morton Redfish  
Deputy Chief, MO

J. M. Worlimer  
Deputy Director, SSO

Lt. Commander Andrew G. Carey  
Acting European Theatre Officer

SECRET

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Jan. 3, 1944<sup>5</sup>

Memorandum to: Colonel G. Edward  
Buxton

I strongly recommend that Major  
Watts Hill be promoted to Lt.  
Colonel. He has been in grade  
for twenty four months as of  
January 10th, 1945.

He is in the Camouflage Branch.

David K.E. Bruce

*Held - CSCp*  
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Hill, Guy, Watts

Colonel  
Discuss with Mr. Cheston . V. Hill, Guy, Watts



*Handwritten: Hirsch, Howard 13, 5, 1944*  
**SECRET**

**2 February 1944**

**MEMORANDUM TO YL/c HOWARD R. HIRSH**  
**SUBJECT: ORDERS**

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to London, England, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer, European Theater of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for the European Theater.

**G. Edward Buxton**  
**Acting Director**

**APPROVED:**

*Morton Bodfish*  
**Morton Bodfish**  
**Deputy Chief, MO**

*Joseph M. Scribner*  
**Joseph M. Scribner**  
**Deputy Director, SSO**

*John D. Wilson*  
**John Wilson, Ensign**  
**European Theater Officer**

**SECRET**

12 August 1945

Mr. George A. Graham  
Executive Secretary of Committee  
on Records of War Administration  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Graham:

In General Donovan's absence I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of 1 August 1945 with the enclosed copy of a recent letter from the President in response to a report by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on the progress of the Government-wide program for the reporting of our wartime administrative experience.

For some time we have had a History Unit recording the activities of the Office of Strategic Services during the wartime period. Although our restricted budget has necessitated a temporary curtailment in this work, we will make every effort to bring the program to a current basis during 1945. We wish to assure you of our desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in this undertaking.

Very truly yours,

Louis M. Ream  
Deputy Director  
Administrative Services

088 Form 4451

Date 6 August

**6542**

**Mr. Louis Roam**

**Mr. Cheston would like  
you to handle this.**

**RT**

Office of the Executive Officer

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

August 1, 1945

My dear General Donovan:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a recent letter from the President in response to a report by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on the progress of the government-wide program for the recording of our wartime administrative experience.

I should like to call to your special attention the President's suggestion that the program be brought as nearly as may be practicable to a current basis during 1945.

The staff of the Committee on Records of War Administration will continue to be available for consultation with your historical officers and to aid your agency in bringing this program toward completion.

Yours sincerely,

*George A. Graham*

George A. Graham  
Executive Secretary of Committee  
on Records of War Administration

Enclosure

Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan  
Director  
Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1948

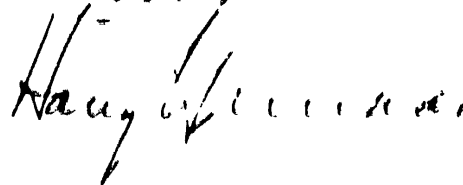
My dear Mr. Smith:

I am pleased to learn of the efforts which the agencies and departments are making to record the administrative history of this war and I wish that you would express to the members of the Advisory Committee on Records of War Administration my appreciation of their continued interest and assistance.

The heads of the departments and agencies should have the program brought as nearly as practicable to a current basis during 1945. I would like to see completed soon after the war is over an objective account of how problems of administration were handled. Both failures and successes should be analyzed. The development of governmental administration can be greatly aided by such investigations.

This information will probably be most useful within the government, but a final report to the American people of wartime administration also seems highly appropriate. I hope that you will give particular attention to the ways in which our administrative experience during World War II can be turned to practical use in the future. Experience is a stern teacher; we must not forget the lessons so dearly bought.

Very truly yours,



Honorable Harold D. Smith, Director

Bureau of the Budget

18 August 1945

Dear Ken:

Thank you very much for your note. I am sorry that you found it necessary to leave. It may be that the next few months will see the end of the organization. However, we are proceeding along the lines discussed with you so that we will be in shape for the President either to convert this organization into a permanent one, or to disband it and start afresh.

You have played a very important part in this organization, Ken, and you ought to get a great deal of satisfaction out of what you have done in the war. It has been not only your own actions, but also the excellent work of the men that you brought to serve with us.

I shall always remember my official and personal association with you, and I am more than grateful for your continued advice and support.

The best of luck to you.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mr. Kenneth A. Blake  
J. Walter Thompson Company  
420 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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J. WALTER THOMPSON COMPANY

120 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

August 7, 1945

Major General William J. Donovan  
Office of Strategic Services  
27th & E Streets  
Washington, D. C.

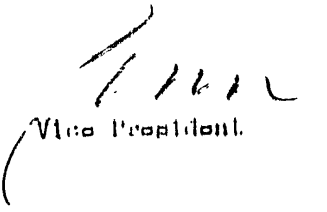
Dear General:

As I return to business life I want you to know how much I have enjoyed my association with you and O.S.S. It has been a source of pride and pleasure to feel that I was a part of so effective an organization.

My only regret is that I could not see my way clear to be with you at least until the end of the Japanese war. When you return I hope to come down to Washington and have a good visit with you. In the meantime, I am working closely with Ollie Coring on many of the problems we worked on before.

It will be a great pleasure for me if you could let me have a picture of you.

Sincerely,

  
Vice President.

Kennett W. Hinkle  
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## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES PLANNING GROUP

9726  
Hinkle, Kenneth W.

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General William J. Donovan

DATE: 16 May 1948

FROM: Kenneth W. Hinkle

SUBJECT:

✓

I have just checked with Mrs. Haight to get an appointment with you, but as you may be leaving before I get to see you, I want to be sure to report to you of my further talk with Stanley Resor.

There is a special problem in our business on which I am badly needed. Accordingly, I feel I must go back to business the latter part of the summer.

I shall, however, be on duty for some months yet, and shall make every effort to be here part-time following that if I should be needed.

I have long felt that it would be very helpful to have some men from overseas on the Planning Staff. While you are in Europe you might like to consider Colonel Jackson, who headed up planning over there, as a possibility.

*Kenneth W. Hinkle**✓ 11/10/48 For WJD*



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Linker, Kenneth W  
x Henry Dept

20 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL COMMAND  
SUBJECT: Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Linker, USNR

1. It is desired that the Commanding Officer, Naval Command, take whatever steps may be deemed necessary to have subject officer placed on the inactive list of the United States Naval Reserve. Reasons for such action are outlined below.

2. Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Linker has been appointed by the undersigned to membership on the Planning Group of this Agency in addition to his present duties as Chief of the USN Planning Staff.

3. The USN Planning Group was established by directive of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and its membership includes:

a. One member appointed by the Secretary of State;

b. Two members, by the Chief of Staff, United States Army;

c. Two members, by the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations;

d. Four members, including the Chairman, by the Director of Strategic Services.

At present the Army is represented by a Major General, the Navy by an Admiral and a Vice Admiral.

4. In view of the high rank of the Army and Navy representatives, it is believed that Lieutenant Commander Linker's efforts will be more effective if he participates in the meetings of the Planning Group as a civilian rather than as a junior officer.

William J. Donovan  
Director

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
Washington 25, D.C.

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14 July 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Charles S. Chaston  
Acting Assistant Director  
Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chaston:

Your confidential letter of 8 June 1944 and the enclosed letter from Major General John P. Smith, U.S.A., requesting the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Kennett W. Hinks, D-V(2), U.S.N.R., have been carefully considered. In view of the fact that the Special Board convened by the Secretary of the Navy to consider all recommendations for out-of-line promotions has twice acted unfavorably upon recommendations for the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Hinks, it is regretted that favorable consideration cannot be given to the request contained in your letter.

It is anticipated that Lieutenant Commander Hinks will become eligible for consideration for regular temporary promotion to Commander in the near future. Your letter will be available for review at that time.

Sincerely yours,

S. E. LATIMER,  
Capt., U.S.N.,  
Officer Performance Division.

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2 June 1944

**FROM :** The Acting Assistant Director of Strategic Services

**TO :** The Chief of Naval Personnel

**SUBJECT :** Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinks, D-V(2), USNR, Resubmission of Request for Special Promotion to Rank of Commander

**REFERENCE :** (a) OSS Letter to The Chief of Naval Personnel, dated 4 March 1944, and CO Naval Command, OSS, dated 27 January 1944

(b) Letter from Bureau of Naval Personnel, dated 10 May 1944

1. Request for promotion of Lt. Commander Hinks to the rank of Commander is respectfully resubmitted. A prior request by memorandum to you, reference (a), was not approved, reference (b). Reconsideration is requested because of the necessity of higher rank to enable him to perform more effectively his duties as head of the OSS Planning Staff.

2. Subject officer was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander, USNR, on 15 August 1943 and has been continuously on active duty in that grade since that date. He is forty-six years of age.

3. Lt. Commander Hinks has been with this Agency for a period of approximately sixteen (16) months. In his capacity as head of the OSS Planning Staff he supervises the initiation and preparation of all offensive and defensive strategic services plans and programs, and of all OSS doctrines. The work of this Staff is closely integrated with that of the OSS Planning Group whose membership includes, in addition to OSS personnel, an Admiral and a Vice Admiral, representing the United States Navy, a Major General representing the United States Army, and a representative of the State Department who is Special Assistant

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The Chief of Naval Personnel  
3 June 1944, Contd.

to the Secretary of State. Lt. Commander Hinks acts as daily consultant to this Group, and attends its meetings where his advice and counsel have been invaluable. Further, in his capacity as head of the Planning Staff, Lt. Commander Hinks advises and assists all branches of OSS in planning the implementation of the programs adopted by the Planning Group. Finally, his position as Branch Head places him in immediate command over two (2) Lieutenant Commanders of the United States Navy, two (2) Lieutenant Colonels and one (1) Major of the United States Army. He has an intimate contact with the diversified activities of OSS as any other Branch Head.

4. In the performance of the duties of his position, Lt. Commander Hinks has demonstrated outstanding administrative and planning ability. His work, constituting an important asset to this Agency in its principal planning activities, has been highly praised by the senior officers with whom he is in daily contact. The two highest ranking officers of the Planning Group, Admiral William H. Standley, USN, and Major General John P. Smith, USA, have written letters commending Lt. Commander Hinks. There is submitted herewith General Smith's letter of commendation; that of Admiral Standley has been forwarded by him direct to COMINCH.

5. It is the belief of Admiral Standley and of General Smith, as well as of the Director of Strategic Services, that Lt. Commander Hinks' present rank is not commensurate with the importance of his position as head of the Planning Staff.

6. There is no officer in OSS of the grade of Commander possessing the qualifications and administrative ability of Lt. Commander Hinks who is available for assignment to the position of head of the OSS Planning Staff.

7. For the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested that Lt. Commander Hinks be granted a spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

Charles S. Cheston  
Acting Assistant Director

Incl - Ltr Commendation fr Maj. Gen. Smith, USA

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

**CONFIDENTIAL**

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 29 May 1944

TO : Colonel Doering

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT: Efficiency of Lt. Comdr. Hinks

I understand that McGovern's case has been reopened, and that similar action may be taken respecting Ford. Unless Comdr. Hinks' case is reopened all that we can do is have this letter put in his file to support a future request for promotion. What do you recommend?

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case brought up a fair  
we should see this  
done  
D.C.W.

# CONFIDENTIAL

May 29, 1944

SUBJECT: Efficiency of Lt. Col. Kennett W. Hinks, USA

TO : Director  
Strategic Services

1. As the Army representative of the Planning Group, I wish to bring to your attention the superior ability exhibited by Lt. Col. Kennett W. Hinks as Chief of the OSS Planning Staff.

2. This officer has been head of the Planning Staff since September 6, 1943. During this period, Col. Hinks has not only shown marked ability in organizing and directing this staff but also in the development of teamwork in planning between the members of his staff and the various branches of OSS.

3. In my opinion, after nine months of observation, this officer possesses superior qualities of leadership, executive ability, and loyalty. His personality and temperament are such that will always be of material aid in promoting efficiency, teamwork and harmony between the various planning echelons. These qualities together with his dignified appearance and manner, his ability to work with others, have permitted the Planning Staff to take its place as a key organization in the development of programs covering Strategic Services activities for the Planning Group and the Director of Strategic Services.

4. In view of the fact that this officer's present rank is not commensurate with the position now held as the head of the Planning Staff, on which he now has two lieutenant colonels, and in further view of his demonstrated ability as an executive head, it is suggested that further effort be made to obtain his promotion to the next higher grade.

JOHN P. SMITH  
Major General, U. S. Army

In this address not the name of this  
letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
Refer to No.

Pers 3211-VOC  
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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



*Hinks Kls 9720*  
*x Navy Dept*

10 MAY 1944

From: DmPers.  
To: The Director, Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D. C.  
Subj: Lieutenant Commander Kennett Webb HINKS, D-V(S), U.S.N.R. -  
Recommendation for promotion of.  
Ref: (a) Your ltr., dated 4 March 1944, and CO NavComd088 ltr.,  
dated 27 January 1944.

1. Your recommendation, as set forth in reference (a), for the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Hinks was submitted to the board established by the Secretary to consider all such recommendations.

2. Since Lieutenant Commander Hinks did not receive the unanimous recommendation of this board, it is regretted that his promotion to Commander cannot be approved at this time.

3. It is anticipated that the subject officer will become eligible for consideration for temporary promotion by the next Selection Board to meet to consider the records of officers in his status. Reference (a) has been made a part of his official record where it will be available for review at that time.

*R. A. Koch*

R. A. KOCH  
Commanding Officer

CC: CO NavComd088,  
Washington, D.C.



Alaska, March 10, 1944  
 X Navy Dept

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4 March 1944

From: The Director of Strategic Services  
 To: The Chief of Naval Personnel  
 Subject: Lieutenant Commander Kennett W. Hinks, D-V(5), USNR,  
 spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

1. Subject officer was commissioned a Lieutenant on 15 August 1942, has been on active duty in that grade since that time and came to this office thirteen months ago. He entered the Navy with a fine record of achievement in civil life as vice-president of one of the very large advertising firms in the United States. He is forty-six years

2. As the head of the OAS branch engaged in the out-look of psychological warfare, he has acted as daily consultant to our Planning Group, which is composed, among others, of a Vice-Admiral, U. S. Navy, a Major General, U. S. Army, and a representative of the State Department who is a Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. In his capacity as branch head, he exercises command over Lieutenant Commanders and

3. His outstanding administrative ability, plus his experience in propaganda planning and his knowledge of all phases of military activity, have proved of great benefit to the Office of Strategic Services in one of its most important activities. The senior officers with whom he is in daily contact have warmly commended his work.

4. The board created by the Office of Strategic Services for the purpose of selecting officers for advancement has recommended him highly and, as Director of this office, I am recommending that he be granted a spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

William J. Donovan  
 Director



**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

1 March 1944

From: The Director of Strategic Services,  
 To: The Chief of Naval Personnel,  
 Subject: Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinkle, D-V(1), USNR,  
 spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

1. Subject officer was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander on 15 August 1942, has been on active duty in that grade since that time and came to this office thirteen months ago. He entered the Navy with a fine record of achievement in civil life as vice-president of one of the largest advertising agencies in the United States, and is forty-six years old.

2. As the head of ~~one of our~~ branch ~~appeared~~ in the outlining of psychological warfare, he has acted as daily consultant to our Training Group, which is composed, among others, of a Vice-Admiral, a Major General and Brigadier General, U. S. Army, a Captain, U. S. Navy, and several Colonels of the regular army. In his capacity as branch head, he exercises command over ~~several~~ Lieutenant Commanders and Army Majors.

3. His outstanding administrative ability, plus ~~a wealth of~~ experience in propaganda planning and ~~research in~~ all forms of publicity, have proved ~~a tremendous~~ benefit to the Office of Strategic Services in one of its most important activities. The senior officers with whom he is in daily contact have commended his work ~~in the most praiseworthy terms~~.

4. The board created by the Office of Strategic Services for the purpose of selecting officers for advancement has recommended him highly and, as Director of this office, I urge you to ~~approve by granting~~ Hinkle a spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

WILLIAM J. BOLIVAR  
 Director

MAILS ROOM 16-7720  
K. O'Neil, Jr.

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3 September 1942

Mr. Commander, U. S. Navy  
Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander: Sir,

For your Naval record this will  
confirm the fact that you did not apply to  
the Office of Strategic Services or otherwise  
initiate the request for transfer.

Sincerely,

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Charles G. Cheston  
Special Assistant  
to the Director

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*Hinks, Kenneth 9720*  
*Navy Dept*

January 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM

From: Colonel Donovan  
To: Colonel Buxton

I notice the statement by the Security Office to Walter O'Meara in relation to Commander Hinks that you are authorized to employ Lt. Commander Hinks at your convenience with full Provisional Approval.

It seems to me that that's going pretty far for a Security Officer. The most that he should do is to indicate that up to the present date nothing has been found against the applicant so far as the spot check has been cleared, and final clearance could not be given until after further inquiry.

W.J.D.

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Hindes, K. 7720  
Navy Dept.

January 13, 1943

Commander R. W. Berry  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Berry:

✓ Many thanks for your letter of January 12th regarding Lieutenant Commander Hindes. We are most grateful for your kindness and cooperation in this matter, and I hope you will call upon us at any time we might be of any service.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

James R. Murphy

Hinks, K. 9420  
x Navy Dept.



NAVY DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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JAN 12 1943

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Admiral Hopper has approved the transfer of Lieutenant Commander Hinks to your office as soon as a relief is available.

This will be complied with and it is anticipated that he should be free to report to you in approximately two weeks, or certainly not later than the first of February.

At present a relief is not yet available, but as soon as a suitable officer is procured, and prior to the date mentioned above, he will be given orders to report to your office for duty.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely yours,

*W. Berry*  
W. Berry  
Executive Director

Very truly yours,  
W. Berry  
Executive Director

Hinks, Kenneth 7720  
X Navy Dept.

December 30, 1942

Vice Admiral F. J. Horne  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Horne:

With further reference to my letter of December 22nd, and your reply of December 24th, regarding the assignment of Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinks, USNR, from the Office of Public Relations, this morning Mr. Walter O'Meara and Mr. Murphy, of my staff, called upon Captain Lovett and Commander Berry. The purpose of the discussion was to explain the special duties which we had in mind for Hinks and to determine whether he could be of the greatest service in the work which we will be doing, because of the combination of qualifications which he has. Commander Berry stated that he would be willing to release Hinks as soon as arrangements could be made to have someone take over his work. He stated that he would take the matter up with you today.

I will be grateful if you can find it possible to concur, since there appears to be no one available who could do the job for which he is so well equipped.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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and No.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON

24 December 1942

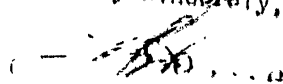
My dear Colonel Donovan:

With reference to your letter regarding the transfer of Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinks, USNR, from the Office of Public Relations to the Office of Strategic Services, after an investigation I regret that it will not be practicable to comply with your request.

It appears that Lieutenant Commander Hinks was commissioned to fill a special billet in the Office of Public Relations for which his background and experience make him eminently suited and the Director of Public Relations is definitely of the opinion that his detachment would seriously affect the efficiency of his office.

With best wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming New Year

Yours very sincerely,



Colonel William J. Donovan,  
Director, Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.



December 28, 1948

Vice Admiral F. J. Horne  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Horne:

I am writing you regarding Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinks, USNR, Office of Public Relations.

My interest in Mr. Hinks lies in the fact that he possesses, I am informed, special qualifications which should equip him admirably for the kind of work we are now called upon to do in planning for psychological warfare.

He is a trained economist and research man. He has been associated since 1931 with the J. Walter Thompson Company, a large and successful advertising agency. During 1930-31 he was Central European Manager for this firm in Berlin, Warsaw, and Vienna.

From this resume you will see that he has a background of experience and a familiarity with techniques for the mass-communication of ideas which should be of particular value to us.

I assume that these same qualifications are of importance to the Office of Public Relations, and it is only because of our special need for a man with Mr. Hinks' experience and training -- and the difficulty of finding one -- that I request, if it does not entail too great an inconvenience, the assignment of Mr. Hinks to the Office of Strategic Services.

I shall appreciate very much indeed anything you may wish to do in expediting Mr. Hinks' assignment to the Office of Strategic Services, if you agree that such a course is desirable.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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December 22, 1948

Vice Admiral F. J. Horna  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Horna:

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Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan  
Director

WJN/ars

Notes on

Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hinks

Born: 1897, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1920; majored in economics and studied law for two years.

Commissioned second lieutenant, Infantry, U. S. A., 1918.

One year, Junior Economist, U. S. Treasury War Loan Organization, 1918-19.

Instructor of economics, University of Minnesota, School of Business, 1920-21.

Research Director, J. Walter Thompson Company, 1921-24; Pacific Coast Manager, J. Walter Thompson Company, 1925-28; Central European Manager, J. Walter Thompson Company, Berlin, Warsaw, Vienna, 1929-31; Account Executive, J. Walter Thompson Company, 1932-42; Vice President, 1936.

Accepted commission as lieutenant commander, USNR, August 31, 1942; U. S. Naval Training School, Dartmouth College, September 17 - November 18, 1942; Office of Public Relations, Press Section, November 22 to date.

December 22, 1942

## Notes on

Lieutenant Commander Kenneth G. Link

Born: 1897, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1920; majored in economics and studied law for two years.

Commissioned second lieutenant, Infantry, U. S. A., 1918.

One year, Junior Economist, U. S. Treasury War Loan Organization, 1918-19.

Instructor of economics, University of Minnesota, School of Business, 1920-21.

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Accepted commission as lieutenant commander, USNR, August 31, 1940; U. S. Naval Training School, Dartmouth College, September 17 - November 10, 1940; Office of Public Relations, Press Section, November 22 to date.

December 22, 1940

**Notes on**

**Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. Hixson**

**Born:** 1897, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**December 22, 1942**

Notes on

Lieutenant Commander Kenneth F. High

Born: 1897, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1920; majored in economics and studied law for two years.

Commissioned second lieutenant, Infantry, U. S. A., 1918.

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Kindly see to the preparation of a suitable statement recommending Colonel Hoppner for the Legion of Merit and submit it to General Wheeler. Do not hesitate to use my name in regard to this.

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To: LT. Putnell

8/24/44

Will you please see  
that this is given proper  
attention.

C.N.C.

*Spoke before Board of  
Officers on 8/20.*

E. J. P. T.  
Director's Office

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HEADQUARTERS and HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
2924 F STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2074  
Higginson, Richard F.  
31 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Mr. Cheston.

1. It is my understanding that the promotion of Lt. Colonel Heppner to the grade of Colonel has been previously considered and that it was not effected due to the fact that Colonel Heppner did not have sufficient time in grade under the provisions of the regulations as they existed at the time his promotion was considered.
2. In this matter your attention is invited to the provisions of the new regulations regarding promotion and to the fact that Colonel Heppner has the equivalent of twenty (20) months in grade as a Lt. Colonel, counting time overseas as time-and-a-half for "in grade" purposes. Required time in grade for this promotion is eighteen (18) months.

For the Commanding Officer:

(S) *[Signature]*  
E. R. GARNETT  
Captain, AUS  
Asst. Adjutant



21 August 1944

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For the Commanding Officer:

M. R. GASKILL  
Captain, AUS  
Asst. Adjutant

W. P. HARRIS, L. A. S. B. H. 2574  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

JAN 7 - 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan,  
Coordinator of Information,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Your recommendation that First Lieutenant Richard P. Popner, (OS-299224) Field Artillery Reserve, be promoted to the rank of captain, has been approved.

Orders announcing his promotion will issue within the next day or two.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry L. Shinn*

Secretary of War.



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
WASHINGTON

January 1, 1942

Dear Bill:

Your formal request for the promotion  
of Lieutenant Heppner is in proper form. I have  
put it in the mill.

Sincerely,

Mr. William J. Donovan  
Coordinator of Information  
Administration Building  
Washington, D. C.

December 31, 1943

Mr. John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War,  
War Department,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

I am enclosing herewith a formal request for promotion to the rank of Captain of my Special Assistant First Lieutenant Richard P. Hopper.

As stated in the request, Lieutenant Hopper is performing duties of such a nature as to make it advisable and desirable that he hold a rank higher than that of First Lieutenant.

If this procedure is not proper, will you kindly advise me as to how it should be handled.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

December 31, 1941

**Subject:** Temporary Promotion in the Army  
of the United States.

**To:** Secretary of War

**From:** The Coordinator of Information

1. It is requested that First Lieutenant Richard P. Heppner, (O-294224) Field Artillery, be promoted to the rank of Captain.
2. Lieutenant Heppner is now assigned to the office of the Coordinator of Information and occupies the position of Special Assistant to the Coordinator. The position he holds and the duties he performs fully merit the rank of Captain. As my representative he is required to make many contacts and to perform duties of such a nature as to make it very desirable that he have the rank of Captain.
3. Lieutenant Heppner is performing his duties very efficiently and is qualified for promotion to the temporary rank of Captain.

William J. Donovan